

State of Michigan  
State Board of Education

## RESOLUTION

### Yvonne Caamal Canul

WHEREAS, Yvonne Caamal Canul was born in Michigan and raised in Latin America as the daughter of a United States foreign service diplomat; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne has a Bachelor of Arts and Honorary Doctorate degrees from Olivet College, and a Master's from Michigan State University, where she has served as adjunct faculty in the College of Educational Administration; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne is a Milken Family Foundation National Educator awardee, was named Michigan's Bilingual Educator of the Year, and has served on several educational panels; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne began her teaching career in Lansing in 1974, and for the next 30 years was a teacher at the elementary, junior, and senior high school levels, director of migrant and bilingual programs, high school assistant principal, founder and principal of an elementary focus school, and a district director of curriculum and assessment where she designed and initiated core content area Pacing Guides and a quarterly assessment program; and

WHEREAS, for three years Yvonne was on loan to the Michigan Department of Education serving as the coordinator of the Partnership for Success program where she developed an intensive technical assistance framework for high priority schools, and in December of 2003, Yvonne was selected as the Michigan Department of Education's Director of the Office of School Improvement, overseeing Title I, Reading First, the state's curriculum, public school academies, and several other programs to support Michigan's 400 high priority schools, and has presented at local, state, and national conferences; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Caamal Canul has notified the Michigan Department of Education and State Board of Education of her resignation from the Michigan Department of Education effective June 15, 2007, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receive with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this honored and distinguished educator, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to Yvonne Caamal Canul its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens her work has affected and benefited; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its fervent wish that Yvonne Caamal Canul enjoys many rewarding experiences with her husband Victor relaxing at their seaside "dream retirement home" in the remote fishing village on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.



Adopted June 12, 2007

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction